

THE
Crown and Glory
OF
CHRISTIANITY
TO THE
SAINTS' EVERLASTING REST;

OR
The YOUNG MAN'S GUIDE,

Thro' the Wilderness of this World.

With a drop of Honey from the Rock of CHRIST.

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— Every Virtue is a Step to Eternity.

Matthew 11. 28. 29. 30. *Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you Rest. Take my Yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am Meek and lowly in Heart, and you shall find Rest unto your Souls. For my Yoke is easy and my Burden is light.*

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CHRISTIANITY.

CHristians, seek Good and not Evil ; that you may live and the Lord will be with you. God will maintain you all your Days in his Service ; he will be your Guide ever unto Death. Whilst you have a Day to live, God will stand by you, he will never leave you nor forsake you. Surely Goodness and Mercy shall follow you all the Days of your lives, and the Lord will never turn away from doing you Good ; I will be an Husband unto you, and will betroth you unto me for ever. You shall not need to fear, I will give you my Heart ; I will be a Father to you, and you shall be my Sons and Daughters : Therefore *Come unto me all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you Rest unto your Souls for my Yoke is easy, and my Burden light.* I will be a Shepherd to you for no evil, for I am with you, You shall not want, for I will feed you ;

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you shall not wander nor be lost, for I will restore you; I will cause you to lie down in green Pastures, and lead you beside the still Waters, I will be a Physician to you, I will heal your Backslidings and cure all your Diseases: Therefore fear not; never did a Soul Miscarry that left itself in God's Hands: I will be a God unto your Children, consider how happy your Condition will be, if in time you Repent and forsake your Sins, then God will be your Father, Christ will be your Brother, and the Holy Spirit will be your Comforter: You shall be filled with the joy of the Holy Ghost, you shall have the free Pardon of all your Sins, so that they shall be remembered no more.

O my Soul! dost thou not see the Chariots of Fire and the Horses of Fire come to take thee up? be thou as poor as *Lazarus*, yet God will not disdain to send a Party of Angels to conduct thee Home. Fear not my Soul, as if thou wast going to a strange Place: why Heaven is thy Country and thy Home: why my Soul thou wast born from above and there is thy Father's House, and therefore thou shalt surely be admitted, and shalt see the glorious Preparation of eternal Love: Methinks I hear already how the Morning Stars sing together, and all the Sons of God shout for Joy. The Lord hath spoke it; you shall see his Face, and his Name shall be written in your Foreheads, and you shall no more need the Sun nor the Moon

Moon for the Lord God shall give you Light
 and you shall reign with God for ever and ever
 Therefore, hold out and be saved, overcome and
 reign, be faithful unto Death, and he will give
 thee a Crown of Life. This is the plain Case
 Obey and live, or die for ever? I will be his Ser-
 vant, let others chuse whom they will, as for me
 O my Soul, serve thou the Lord.

This Resolution, thus founded is likely to stand
 Should I wrong my God? Hath he ever done me
 any Wrong, hath he not been ever Good to me
 kind, pitiful, patient, bountiful, who hath fed
 me, cloathed me, kept me, comforted me? what
 Friend have I in the World, what Father, what
 Mother, what Friend, what Portion, what Hope
 but in the Lord? What were I, what had I but
 Woe and Misery, had I not God? Therefore
 love God above all with all my Soul; he is always
 my Hope and all my Desire. What a miserable
 Creature were I, if it were not for my Hope
 God? What would all the World be to me, if
 should lose my Soul.

But dost thou speak as in earnest? Dost thou
 think what thou speakest? yea, saith the sinners
 I Gladly commit myself to thee, and trust myself
 with thee; I see my hopes in thee, I take up my
 rest with thee; Lord let me hear thee say, *I
 thy God and thy Salvation, and I have enough*

come unto me all ye ends of the Earth, and ye shall
 be saved; for I am God, and there is none else
 but me. Now put on thy wedding Garment and
 give go and marry thyself to Jesus Christ; and say I
 am thine, and all I have, my Body, my Soul, my
 Name, my Estate; I give my Heart to thee, I will
 be thine everlastingly.

If it be so, then the Lord will give thee the
 Desire of thy Heart, thou shalt have whatsoever
 thou desirest; keep but the Pipes open, and Ply
 the means which I have prescrib'd and ye shall
 flourish in the Courts of your God, God will be
 as the Dew upon you, and ye shall grow as the
 Lilly, and shoot forth your Roots as Lebanon
 and your beauty shall be as the Olive Tree; you
 shall still bring forth Fruit in old Age, you shall
 be fat and flourish, I will be the staff of Bread
 to your Life, and the Strength of your Days,
 and I will be the House and Home to you, and
 you shall dwell in me and I in you, I will repair
 your Losses, and relieve your needs. Are you in
 Want? You know where to come, I am ever
 at Home, you shall not go away empty from my
 Door, I will serve you when Friends fail you
 and your Heart fails, when you Eye and Heart-
 strings crack, when your acquaintance leave you,
 your Soul leaves you, my Bosom shall be open to
 you; I will lock up your Dust. I will receive
 your Souls; I am the God of Abraham, and of
 Isaac,

Isaac, and of *Jacob*; and whatever I have be-
to them I will be to you.

Here his mercy for the worst of sinners: behold I have spread the table of my Gospel for you with privileges and comforts that no Man takes from you, I have set before you the bread and water of Life, eat Friend and drink abundantly satisfied with the fatness of the house, heaven shall reward you all; and so may you be for ever with the Lord.

Now blessed is he that hath believeth, for there will be a Performance of the Things that have been told him; for no sooner shall your Door be past, but the bench will rise, and the Judge will return with all the glorious train, with sound of trumpet and shouts incredible will he ascend and lead you to your Father's House: then will the Angels lift up their heads, and the everlasting Gates stand open, and the Heaven will receive you all: In short, he will make you equal to the Angels of God, and you will be the everlasting trumpets of his praise: And beside all this, whensoever Death comes, whether sooner or later, you shall be sure of Heaven; and as for your bodies, they will be laid in the Grave as in the bed of Christ, there to rest untill the glorious morning of the resurrection. Then will you be received into Heaven, the place of rest, joy, and bliss; then you shall meet with your dear

Dear Friends and Relations that departed in the
 ear of God, and no tongue can express the joy
 you will have one with another to all Eternity
 when you may be able to say at the great Day,
 Yonder sits the Son God, whose blood was
 shed for My Salvation " Which the Lord of
 mercies grant, *Amen.*

You that buy this book, pray notice take,
 Take care you don't the holy Sabbath break ;
 Six Days God made that we might Labour, so
 to let the seventh to his devotion go.
 They who their Parents honour God will bless
 With Peace, great joy, long Life and happiness
 but he that curses surely will at last,
 Without God's Mercy, into Hell be cast.

And I question not but through a blessing from
 above, that the reading of this little Book may do
 your Souls good.

1 Theff. v. 23. *And the very God of Peace
 sanctify you wholly; And I pray God your whole
 spirit and Soul, and Body, may be preserved unto
 the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, - Amen.*

A short P R A Y E R.

O GOD, Heavenly Father, who by thy Son
 Jesus Christ hast promised to all them that
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seek thy Kingdom and Righteousness thereof, at
 things necessary to their bodily sustenance: Kee
 me I beseech thee, under the protection of th
 good Providence, and learn me, in whatsoever
 state I am therewith to be content. Grant m
 Grace to forsake all covetous desires and inord
 nate love of Riches, and so to pass through
 Things temporal, that I finally lose not the thing
 eternal; but that, among all the sundry and ma
 nifold Changes of the World, my Heart may sure
 ly only be fixed, where true joys are to be found
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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